

**REMARKS**

Applicants amend the claims solely to reduce the filing fees and do not disclaim the right to any subject matter. No new matter is introduced in the amendments.

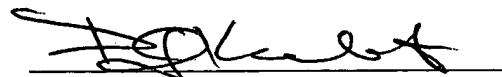
Applicants respectfully request that these amendments be entered and that a timely notice of allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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